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Israel capitalises on American tragedy

While the rest of the world was numbed with the shock and horror of the terrorist acts in the USA, Israel in a despicable and grotesque acts made hey.

Within minutes of the plane crashes Israeli politicians, terrorist themselves, took to the air and Netanyahu exclaimed, "It's very good" immediately correcting his desired sentiment to, "Well not very good but it will generate immediate

sympathy." Sharon, the butcher of Beirut and a war criminal, placed Israel on the same ground as US, calling the assaults, "Our common value" and declaring, "I believe together we can defeat these forces of evil."

Israel having manufactured sympathy for itself through the deaths of Americans and never to lose an opportunity, while the world was soaked in sorrow, by nightfall of the 11th September Israeli occupying forces surrounded the town of Jenin and later the towns of Al Jabriat and Sahil Bani.

Within one week of the horrendous events in the USA, Israel had murdered 20 Palestinians wounded over 150 and 30 Palestinians are serious.

Since the beginning of the Al Aqsa Intifada Israel carried the worst and severest massacre upon the Palestinians of Beit Rima village.

This was a massacre in its most grotesque form. The Israelis surrounded the village in the early hours of the morning, cutting electricity and telephone cables. They blocked all the entrance to the village. Nobody, including Red Cross member and journalists were allowed from entering while the Israelis perpetrated the inhumane acts. Several young Palestinian men were pushed to a nearby field and shot. Two Palestinians died instantly and other three bleed to death as the brutal Israeli occupying forces denied any help.

Friends of Al Aqsa call upon all to remember the oppressed in their duaas, during this blessed month of Ramadhan and further to lobby the authorities to take a proactive role against this Israeli barbarism. A further request is made to help the poor and destitute, keep engaged in remembering the Almighty and also hold regular meetings to discuss the fate of the oppressed and further evaluate ways to best help them. The Ummah is going through tremendous trials and tribulations. Unity amongst us is the foremost requisite and to assist those oppressed with the greatest of our abilities, while maintaining within the confines of Law and Order. May the Almighty have Mercy upon us!

US approves more aid to Israel

The U.S. Senate on 25 th October approved its annual foreign aid package, with Israel getting \$2.76 billion, of which \$2 billion will go for defence purchases in the U.S. and the remaining \$760 million will be in civilian aid.

Israel gets the most foreign aid of any country helped by the U.S., with Egypt second, this year getting \$1.3 billion. Jordan is slated to get \$225 million. The entire foreign aid package was \$15.6 billion, and passed by a 96-2 vote. In the coming weeks there will be more money for Israel voted in the defence department budget. An outstanding Israeli request for \$800 million, due to costs incurred by the Lebanon withdrawal, and which was never officially submitted, seems to have dropped off the agenda.

The Jewish Agency is expecting a \$20 million decline in donations in 2001 due to the U.S. recession and because American Jews may choose to donate money to funds to help the families of victims of the September 11 terror attacks, say Agency officials, based on reports reaching them from U.S. Jewry. The Agency's budget for 2001 is about \$300 million.

**By Nathan Guttman and Yair Sheleg
26 October 2001 Haaretz Daily**

Statement to ponder.....

Pastor Martin Niemoller

"First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak for me." – regarding the Nazi reign.

Stop the Slaughter of Palestinians

Friends of Al Aqsa calls upon the US to immediately halt the supply of arms to Israel, which are being used to murder Palestinians and Britain to impose diplomatic and economic sanctions against Israel and further to send an international team of monitors to safeguard the Palestinians from the terrorist Israelis. The call to fight terrorism must also include the state sponsored terrorism of Israel.

On the morning of the 24 October, at around 2 o'clock the Israeli occupation forces raided the village of Beit Rima, northwest of Ramallah. As Israeli attack helicopters shelled the village indiscriminately, 17 tanks and more than 900 Israeli soldiers, surrounded the village and enforced a siege, preventing residents from leaving their homes. Villagers reached via cellular telephones (Israel reportedly cut off electricity and telephone lines) spoke of "many bodies were lying in the streets and in olive orchards" in the village. Many other people injured were reportedly bleeding to death as Israeli occupation troops refused to allow ambulances to take them to hospitals in Ramallah. Villagers issued a distress call, carried by the Voice of Palestine this afternoon, the PA official radio station, in which they appealed to the Red Cross to enter the village to prevent further killings. A terrified villager named Said Rimawi appealed, "As I speak to you, I see five bodies lying in the streets and in olive orchards. The Israeli army is preventing people from reaching the corpses and threatening to kill anybody leaving his home." Rimawi, a teacher, said "we have a massacre here, I'm not exaggerating, we call on humanity to save us from those these Jewish Nazis."

24 October 2001

Palestinian woman forced to give birth at checkpoint

Fatima and her husband, Nasser Abed Rabbo, were trying to reach the hospital in Bethlehem on the morning of Monday the 22 nd October. Soldiers at military checkpoints twice refused to allow them to pass, saying that Fatima's condition was not critical. After trying for about one hour to pass the checkpoints, Fatima gave birth to her son, Walid, in the car. Fatima was only seven months pregnant, as a premature baby, Walid required urgent medical treatment. The family reached the Holy Family (French) hospital in Bethlehem one and a half hours after he was born. Walid weighed 1417 grams, and his temperature was extremely low on arrival. He died that afternoon; it is likely he would have lived had he received immediate care.

Fatima is the seventh Palestinian woman to have been forced to give birth at Israeli military checkpoints in the West Bank.

The denial of access to health care is a direct violation of international law, (article 17, IV Geneva Convention), which expressly protects the rights of expectant mothers, the sick and injured.

25 October 2001 PMC

Israelis bomb Church of Nativity

The Mayor of Bethlehem City, Mr. Hanna Nasser asserted that Israeli allegations of Palestinians firing from Churches in Bethlehem to invite Israeli fire are false and objectionable.

Mr. Nasser confirmed, "While Bethlehem residents were praying during the Sunday mass, Israeli occupation soldiers fired at the Church of Nativity. I visited the Church and saw the machinegun bullets scattered throughout the Church".

The Bethlehem Mayor asserted that Israeli machinegun fire hit the Church of Nativity and that it came from any one of the numerous tanks now stationed on Bethlehem's seven hills overlooking the holy site. He stated, "Their allegation that it was Palestinian fire is unquestionably false. Further-more, the only party that controls the hills overlooking Manger Square and the Church are the occupying Israeli tanks".

22 October 2001

America slaughters helpless Afghanis, Israel murders helpless Palestinians - Arab leaders watching

Community leaders throughout Palestine have castigated Arab rulers as "traitors and conspirators with America against their own peoples" for doing nothing to stop "the wholesale slaughter of Muslims" in Palestine and Afghanistan.

Civic leaders, including educators, professionals and clan notables, said in a statement that "it was disgraceful to see Arab and Muslim leaders behave blithely toward the gruesome, wholesale massacres of innocent civilians in Palestine and Afghanistan."

The statement went on "your day of accountability shall soon come, and America, your master and protector, will not save you from the wrath of the people." The statement pointed out that the over three million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip were experiencing an "effective holocaust" at the hands of Israel's state terror.

"The criminal Jews are slaughtering Palestinian children on a daily basis, they are doing to us very much what the Germans had once done to them and all of this is done with tacit American approval while Arab leaders are watching."

The statements called on Muslims around the world to "break the chain of oppression by overthrowing their dictators" whom the statement described as "CIA agents."

Palestinian frustration has risen considerably during the last few weeks as Israeli occupation forces continued to rampage through Palestinian population centres.

Over 30 Palestinians, many of them children and women, have been killed and over a hundred injured by Israeli bullets since 17 October.

The US called on Israel, which receives around \$ 4 billion from the US, to pull out its tanks from Palestinian towns. However, Israeli Prime Minister Sharon, himself a certified war criminal, rejected the American demands, saying, "we don't receive orders from anybody." President Bush reportedly complained to visiting Israeli foreign minister Shimon Peres that Israel's rampage against Palestinians was undermining the American bombing of Afghani population.

**By Khalid Amayreh
25 October 2001**

Palestinian universities under fire

Palestinian universities have often been targeted by Israeli fire and occupation troops throughout the past thirteen months. In fact, at least two universities were hit by Israeli tank fire to date.

The latest such incident occurred last week against Bethlehem University. Currently, Bethlehem University is under Israeli siege and constant shelling. On Thursday 25 October, Bethlehem University was hit during the Israeli invasion. Consequently, many of the University's buildings were damaged, along with its sport facilities. Mr. Musa Darweesh, Head of Bethlehem University's Public Relations Department, told the Palestine Media Center (PMC) that the university has been closed since 18 October due to the current situation in the city. He also confirmed that the University's buildings and facilities were damaged from the indiscriminate Israeli shelling.

Mr. Darweesh described, "Israeli tank shells have damaged many of the University's lecture halls along with its Church, which was also targeted by the Israeli occupation forces". He added, "The Israeli shelling hit the building in which the De La Salle priests reside. They managed to survive because they hid in the building's lower floor, away from the tank shells and bullets' reach".

Bethlehem University is not the only Palestinian University that has suffered from Israeli aggression. Beir Zeit University near Ramallah is currently closed due to the Israeli reoccupation of Ramallah.

28 October 2001

Jewish Islamophobia grows

Since the 11 September terror attacks in New York and Washington, Zionist circles have been uncontrollably emitting their profound hatred of Islam in ways unseen.

From Occupied Jerusalem, to London and across America the Zionist-controlled press, has been propagating one and the same message: kill the Muslims, kill the Arabs, kill the terrorists!

Equating Muslims with terrorism is conspicuous throughout hundreds of media outlets.

So, all of a sudden, it seemed as if Zionist, who have a long history of poisoning Western public opinion with concocted lies and myths about the Palestinian cause, finally seized their long-awaited opportunity to display their deep hatred for Islam and Muslims.

As a result, millions of Muslims around the world, already shocked by the infernal terrorism in the US and struggling to ward off fast-spreading Islamophobia that is often accompanied by violent racism, had also to reckon with extremely virulent and rabid Zionist efforts to besmirch, vilify, demonise and even de-legitimise Muslims altogether.

This vindictive campaign, spearheaded by Zionist media, but by no means confined to it, carried tacit and often explicit messages so horrifying that they can only be construed to mean or imply condoning genocide against Muslim.

One message, appearing on an Israeli-America website (www.israelinsider.com) urged the West to aim at the religious centre of Islam, the Ka'aba. The author, Reuven Koret, an Israeli-American Islam-hater applying Nazi ideas to Muslims, suggested that America should bomb Mecca and destroy the Ka'aba if American targets were attacked again by terrorists bearing Muslim names.

"Whether it is publicly announced or merely communicated through quiet channels, the Jihadists must know with an absolute certainty that the next outrage against a symbol of the west will prompt a reciprocal response against a corresponding site of interest to Islam..."

Another racist Jew, Zev Chafets, also let out his venom on 14 October (www.nydailynews.com) claiming that "the most popular figures in the Middle East are Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein and Mullah Mohammed Omar."

After illustrating his poisonous charade against everything and anything Arab and Muslim, Chafet went on to suggest that the United States army should bomb al-Jazeera Television network. "Dealing with al-Jazeera is a job for the military".

Jewish politicians, especially in the US and apartheid Israeli, were even more rabid and vitriolic in their fulmination. The Jewish Deputy Secretary of Defence suggested that the US would have to think of "ending countries" and "using nuclear weapons against terrorists and countries supporting them." Henry Kissinger, told CNN on 18 September that "we must adopt unconventional methods to fight the terrorists," suggesting that the US should target "the ideological infrastructure of terrorism."

In Israel, war criminal Sharon declared, "From New York to Jerusalem, the civilized world must be united against terror." The paunchy mass murderer, who in 1982 ordered the slaughter of thousands of helpless and unprotected refugees in Sabra and Chatila near Beirut, uttered this hypocrisy while his murderous soldiers were slaughtering Palestinian school children and farmers in Jenin in the West Bank.

The Zionists want the estimated 1350 million Muslims around the world not only to turn a blind eye on Israel's rampage of murder and terror against the helpless Palestinians, but would also like Muslims to forget al-Masjidul Aqsa, one of the holiest Islamic shrines. They would like Muslims to readily accept and come to terms with apartheid, military occupation, and perpetual oppression of the Palestinian people for no other reason than being non-Jewish.

Khalid Amayreh

Shaykh Ikrema Sabri refuses to meet chief Rabbi

The Rabbi, Ovadia Yosef, spiritual leader of the ultra-orthodox Jewish political party, Shas, reportedly invited Sabri to attend a meeting of religious leaders representing the three monotheistic religions. The Palestinian daily newspaper, al Ayyam, on Monday quoted Sabri as saying that he refused to meet with the rabbi who had made numerous racist statements against Arabs and Muslims. Sabri also argued that it was inappropriate to meet with Israeli religious leaders at a time

when the Israeli occupation army is carrying out a nefarious rampage of murder and terror against Palestinian population centres. Shaykh Sabri said Islam respected Judaism as a religion as it recognizes all the prophets and messengers of God. He added, however, that it was unacceptable that the followers of one religion allow themselves to persecute, oppress and dispossess the followers of another religion in the name of God. "Let them take their boots off our chests first, and then we can talk. No meaningful talk can take place between the oppressed and the oppressor until the oppression is over."

29 October 2001

One Year of Israeli Violations

- ✎ 686 Palestinians had been killed [161 children]
- ✎ 15,969 injured [6,000 children]
- ✎ 600 Palestinian children have been arrested by the Israeli occupation authorities.
- ✎ 6 Palestinian children were delivered at checkpoints. One infant died following delivery.
- ✎ 199 attacks on schools by Israeli soldiers and settlers.
- ✎ 76 schools attacked with live ammunition and/or tear gas. 41 schools shelled by the Israeli military, 4 schools closed and trans-formed into Israeli military installations
- ✎ 47 homes in Jerusalem demolished and 80 homes in the Gaza Strip. 639 children lost their homes as a result of these demolitions

Israeli Soldiers engage in theft of Palestinian property

Since Israeli occupation forces began carrying out incursions and reoccupation of Palestinian-controlled areas residents have reported numerous complaints of theft of property. It appears that Israeli occupation soldiers steal from Palestinian civilians' homes and shops when they conduct these raids. Palestinian civilians filed the latest such complaints following the Israeli raid and massacre in Beit Rima, near Ramallah on 24 October. Israeli occupation forces had invaded Beit Rima village, killed nine of its residents, wounded tens, demolished three homes, and raided numerous others.

During the invasion by Israeli occupation forces of Beit Rima the Palestinian Mayor of Beit Rima, Mr. Abdel Kareem Al-Remawi said, "After Israeli occupation forces pull out, we started to evaluate the losses of civilians and the municipality. For civilians, Israeli soldiers confiscated a number of cell phones. They also have stolen 5000 NIS (New Israeli Sheqels), a camera, and a cassette recorder from the municipality".

On the same day, Israeli occupation forces inspected civilians' identification cards and reportedly robbed Mohammed Rushdi of 850 NIS (approximately US\$ 200), which he was carrying on his person. It seems that such incidents of theft were not limited to Beit Reema or Israel's latest military offensive.

On 13 October, Israeli occupation forces raided Abdel Fattah Al-Tamimi's home, a lawyer in Jabal Al-Rahma neighbourhood of Hebron City. Following the violent raid, which left much of the furniture damaged, the lawyer's mother stated the Israeli occupation forces stole an amount of US\$ 10,000, personal documents, a recorder, photos of Abdel Fattah with his family and friends, in addition to a camera.

According to Mr. Al-Jamal, the victims are often very scared when they file these complaints. He added, "Even if they give us their full name, they usually plead that it is not given out. They are very much afraid from possible reprisals from the Israeli soldiers. For that reason, we usually try to assure them that their identities would remain confidential until and unless the investigation is well underway and taken seriously by the Israeli side. Unfortunately, that has yet to happen with regards to any filed complaint".

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